

REMARKS

Status of Claims

This is a continuation reissue application of original patent, US Patent No. 5,526,313, which issued with only 12 claims, all of which have been cancelled in the present continuation application. Claims 53-63, 65 and 70-74 are pending in this continuation application, and have been allowed.

Compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)

The present amendment merely changes the format of the markings showing the changes made to the specification and claims as required by 37 CFR 1.173(b) and 1.173(d).

In particular, the paragraph added in the specification has been underlined, as required. The paragraph states that this application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/095,101, filed June 10, 1998, now Reissue Patent No. RE 37,593. Thus, the added paragraph complies with the requirement to include markings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1).

Pending claims 53-63, 65 and 70-74 are new claims with respect to the original patent, US Patent No. 5,263,131. Accordingly, each of these claims has been underlined in the foregoing Listing of Claims. Thus, the presentation of claims 53-63, 65 and 70-74 in the present amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2).

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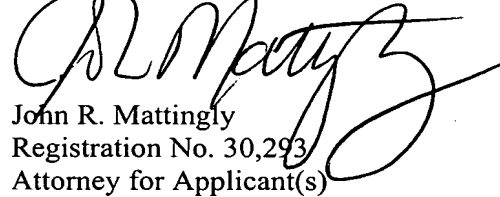
Oath or Declaration

The present amendment presents no changes to the claims or specification that would require the filing of an additional or supplemental oath or declaration.

Conclusion

Applicants earnestly solicit that the present reply places the application in condition to receive a Notice of Allowance, and therefore, mailing of a Notice of Allowance to Applicants is respectfully requested.

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